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REMARKS

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1. On 26 September 1953, the barracks installations in Neuruppin were heavily occupied. 1
2. At 5 p.m. on 19 September, 25 boxcars with billeting equipment were unloaded at the Neuruppin railroad station. 2* 25X1
3. On 24 September, tank JG-3 [] from the Panzer Kaserne was loaded at the Altruuppin railroad station. 25X1
4. From 14 to 26 September, soldiers daily received training on 2 to 5 122-mm howitzers in the barracks yard of the Friedrich Franz Kaserne. One 132-mm rocket launcher with motor vehicle [] was seen in the barracks area on 21 September. 25X1
5. On 14 and 15 September, [] 6 new 132-mm rocket launchers in the See Kaserne. 25X1
6. Since 17 September, the motor vehicle traffic at the former garrison hospital in Neuruppin had increased. 1 25X1
7. Motor vehicle columns proceeding on Wittstocker Allee toward Neuruppin on 5 September 1953 included 9 trucks [] occupied by personnel, 5 jeeps, 6 motorcycles and 1 ambulance at 2:25 p.m.; 6 trucks [] at 2:30 p.m.; and 56 trucks [] occupied by personnel and loaded with lumber, coal and billeting equipment, 6 busses occupied by uniformed women and 5 jeeps at 5 p.m. Ten trucks [] proceeded on Karl Marx Strasse toward Altruupin at about 10 a.m. on 8 September. Twenty trucks [] 3 jeeps and 6 motorcycles proceeded on Berlin Chaussee toward Neuruppin at about 2 p.m. on 8 September. 3 25X1
8. On 16 September, the See Kaserne was occupied by between 1,000 to 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. [] 25X1

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9. On 16 September, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne was occupied to capacity by between 1,000 and 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, motor transport and signal insignia and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia.

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10. On 4 September, the Fridericus Kaserne was occupied by between 3,000 and 4,000 soldiers and was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. From 2 to 4 September, the troops together with tanks from the See Kaserne practiced at the Störbeck-Garten training grounds which belonged to the post.

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11. On 19 September, the west section of the See Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers. In the morning of 17 September, about 600 soldiers received basic drill in the barracks yard. At about 3 p.m., about 800 soldiers with flags were lined up in the barracks yard. The NCOs wore new uniforms. The troops were inspected and passed in review. On 19 September, about 20 trucks each occupied by about 30 soldiers armed with carbines and sub-machine guns and carrying practice targets left the installation. They returned at about 2:30. About 50 soldiers were engaged in athletics in the barracks yard and about 20 officers practiced firing at the pistol firing range.

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12. On 19 September, only one of the supply officers previously observed was still stationed at the Fridericus Kaserne.

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<u>Present unit</u> (name of supply officer)	<u>Previous unit</u>	<u>Buildings</u> <u>occupied</u>
Dranov	Drukov	1, 2, 3
Kovalenkov	Grebenshikov	4, 5, 6,
Zadarochny	Zadarochny	3, 9, 10,
Kadelnikov	Toropov	11, 12,
Bukovsky	Nikitin	13, 14, 15

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13. [REDACTED]

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14. From 23 to 29 August an exercise involving T-34 tanks [REDACTED] and about 60 motorcycles with sidecars was conducted in the area of Waldensleben-Buchenhaus. At 3 p.m. on 29 August all vehicles left toward Neuruppin.

15. During the period under review tank firing involving SS tanks [REDACTED] was performed in the western section of the ~~Pentzberg~~ training grounds. Three to twelve tanks practiced driving in the eastern section of the grounds. 1

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1. Comment. The units of the 12th Gds Tank Div can still be carried in their quarters in Neuruppin until September. Training was conducted at both the barracks installations and the Storbuck-Garten post training grounds and in the Walleben area west of the training grounds. The new rocket launchers seen at the See Kaserne possibly belong to the 226th Mortar Regt of the division. A small number of these guns were previously seen with other mortar regiments in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The supply officers at the Fridericus Kaserne are known except Kadelnikov (fnu). Units of the division with which they can be identified and which thus can be confirmed in Neuruppin until 19 September 1953 include Unit Lieutenant Colonel Dranov or Dronov (fnu) with the 49th Gds Tank Regt; Unit Lieutenant Colonel Kovalenko (fnu) with the 66th Gds Tank Regt; Unit

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Lieutenant Colonel Zadoroshny or Zadorozhni (fnu) with the 71st Gds Hv Tank SP Regt; Kadelnikov (formerly Gds Captain Toropov (fnu) with the 87th (?) Rcn Bn; and Unit Lieutenant Colonel Fukovsky or Bykovski (fnu) with the 48th Gds Tank Regt. The numbered buildings are keyed to a sketch forwarded previously.

2. [] Comment. [] train [] came from Lychen. 25X1
It presumably carried a hospital which transferred from Lychen to Neuruppin.

3. [] Comment. The columns which [] belong to units of the 12th Gds Tank Div possibly moved in connection with the command post exercise which is known from other information.

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5. [] Comment. []
[] Gds Lieutenant Colonel Vukalov (fnu) is known as commanding officer of the 48th Gds Tank Regt. Colonel Yurenkov (fnu) was commander of the 12th Gds Tank Div until his reassignment in the spring of 1953. Of the other officers mentioned, only Major Nikitin (fnu) is known from previous reports. See paragraph 12 of the report.

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